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- recent reports that there has been friction between leading Rumanian Communists since the Ana Pauker purge took place. There have been reports that Iosif Chisinevschi, Miron Constantinescu, and one or two others were secretly working against Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej.
- 2. Chisinevschi is generally regarded as the No. 2 Communist in Rumania. He seems to have no ambition to replace Gheorghiu-Dej as the No. 1 Communist. With Alexandru Moghioros, he accompanied Gheorghiu-Dej to the 19th Congress of the Communist Party in Moscow. He joined General Emil Bodnaras in forming the anti-Pauker group within the Central Committee of the Rumanian Workers Party. As recently as 17 October 1952, Scanteia described him as one of "the closest comrades in the fight of Gheorghiu-Dej." All this suggests that, for the moment, peace reigns among the Rumanian Communist leaders.
- 3. Miron Constantinescu was at one time fairly close to Ana Pauker, but he was cautious enough to keep a certain distance and maintain his independence of her. He was thus able to get out from under the crash very cleverly. There is no reason to believe that he is now in opposition to Gheorghiu-Dej.

Josif Chisinevschi is vice-president of the Council of Ministers, and Secretary of the Central Committee of the Rumanian Workers Party. He is also vice-president of the General Confederation of Labor, and one of the groups responsible for publishing Scanteia.

5. Miron Constantinescu is a professor at a lyceum. He joined the Communist Party in 1945. Constantinescu is now Planner of Economics for the Rumanian Peoples Republic and President of the State Planification Commission.

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